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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) The number of polling stations opened in the South Arcot district for the last district board elections was 819.

" (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

Eviction of poor persons from Government poramboke lands

* 1245 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have ordered eviction of certain landless poor who have occupied Government poramboke lands on the sides of Varodu-Murikampatta road in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" No, Sir."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, certain poor people residing by the side of the Varodu-Murikampatta road were evicted by the Government and their household utensils were attached and taken away for alleged attachment. The Hon. the Minister for Revenue has stated in his reply that there were no such instances. I do not know why such false information is being given. Will the Government be pleased to make further enquiries and see that the poor people are not harassed by either being evicted or their properties being attached? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, the question was whether any landless poor were evicted and the answer was ' No '. No landless poor people were evicted. There were certain well-to-do landlords and even they were not evicted. Merely notices were sent and they of their own accord removed the encroachments."

Admission to Flaying School in the Veterinary College

* 1246 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of students admitted for training in the Flaying School in the Madras Veterinary College during 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Forty-eight students were admitted for training in the Flaying School attached to the Madras Veterinary College during 1953–54."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, may I know what the particular training given by the Flaying School is? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Removal of skins from bodies of animals as soon as they are dead is called flaying and that requires a particular training. Several persons from butchers have already taken to their training and reverted back to their employment."

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Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" How many students were admitted during 1953–54 and how many of them completed their training successfully? May I know whether they have since been suitably employed?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Two batches of candidates numbering 48 were trained during the year 1953–54. In addition, seven Veterinary Assistant Surgeons underwent training during the period. In 1954–55, two batches one consisting of 18 butchers and 15 amateurs and a second batch consisting of one butcher and 26 amateurs have been trained; a third batch consisting of one butcher and 20 amateurs is under training in the school."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, generally the higher class people do not take to such a profession. In order that they may also be trained, will the Government hold out inducements for them, so that there may be a feeling of equality between communities?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, Government do offer stipends. They cannot discriminate between the higher and lower classes. I may tell the hon. Member that apart from professional butchers others also take to this training and take to the profession of butchers."

Resident Medical Officer, Tiruchirappalli

* 1247 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any sanctioned post of Resident Medical Officer in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli; and

(*b*) if not, why?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There is no sanctioned post of Resident Medical Officer in the hospital, but one of the Assistant Surgeons of the hospital is designated as Resident Medical Officer and is discharging the duties of the Resident Medical Officer."

Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, for the post of Resident Medical Officer, is any special skill or special qualification necessary? If not, why in this big hospital, there is no sanctioned post? What is the qualification of the person who now acts as Resident Medical Officer and who is in charge of the duties of the Resident Medical Officer? What is his scale of pay? Is any additional remuneration paid for discharging these duties? Does he do duty all the 24 hours?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Only District Headquarters Hospitals with a bed strength of over 350 are given the separate post of a Resident Medical Officer. Here, one of